



2023

Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

JULY

Wednesday 5th July 7.30pm
Branch Practice at Braunston
Surprise Methods

All are welcome.

Tuesday 18th July 7.30pm
Triples and Major practice at OAKHAM
For all who would like to ring on 8 bells.

Plain Hunt - Triples - Major methods.
All welcome

Ringling Practice Times

Where towers share their practice nights with others on a rotational basis.

July Practices All commence at 7.30pm.

3rd Caldecott. 10th Gretton. 17th Harringworth 24th Caldecott. 31st Gretton
5th Braunston. 12th Brooke. 19th Braunston. 26th Brooke.
6th Uppingham. 13th Lyddington. 20th Uppingham. 27th Lyddington.

Deadline for the next newsletter to Sue Webster
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Branch Progression Meeting Wednesday 5th July Braunston 7.30 to 9.00pm.

The aim is to encourage those returning to ringing, or who are rusty post covid, or those ready to treble bob on treble to practice and develop their surprise ringing.

The 4 Minor methods to form the basis of the practice will be:

Oxford Treble Bob [https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Oxford Treble Bob Minor](https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Oxford_Treble_Bob_Minor)

Kent Treble Bob [https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Kent Treble Bob Minor](https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Kent_Treble_Bob_Minor)

Cambridge Surprise [https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Cambridge Surprise Minor](https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Cambridge_Surprise_Minor)

Norwich Surprise [https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Norwich Surprise Minor](https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Norwich_Surprise_Minor)

We look forward to seeing all those interested in progressing. You need to start somewhere, and where better than studying the plain course blue lines and see the patterns and rules.

This months 8 Bell Branch meeting will be at Oakham on Tuesday 18th July.

The aim is for all those interested at all levels to get rope time and develop rope-sight on 8 bells.

All are invited as ringing on 7 or 8 (whilst a progression on ringing 5 or 6 bells) does require practice even if only rounds and plain hunt. The methods to be practiced will be Plain Bob Triples and PB Major also Plain Hunt and Call Changes. As we develop Stedman Doubles (The Cottesmore practices) and Grandsire Doubles (Great Casterton practices) we look forward to ringing Stedman and Grandsire Triples later in the year. No reason not to ring Little Bob Major as many mastered Minor at Cottesmore.

Little Bob Major blue line [https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Little Bob Major](https://rsw.me.uk/blueline/methods/view/Little_Bob_Major)

Review of Cottesmore Minor and Stedman practice held on Wednesday 7th June 2023.

This was a most enjoyable Branch progression practice when ringers from around Rutland met to ring Minor methods and Stedman. For some it was the first time to ring the focus methods and there were lots of smiles of achievement. Everyone had a go and everyone achieved something from the evening. The next Minor/Stedman practice at Cottesmore will be on 4th October however if there are ringers who cannot wait that long then why not arrange a Minor practice in your tower and invite all others from Rutland (giving sufficient notice) to swell the numbers.

The methods rung at Cottesmore in June were:

Plain Bob Minor

St. Clements Bob Minor

Stedman Doubles

Little Bob Minor

Quarter Peals

Ringing a quarter peal (about 45 minutes continuous) is a great way to progress and gain in confidence. Your first (and most memorable) might be either ringing the tenor behind or trebling to a doubles method with a good band.

As there are many ringers who have recently "learned the ropes" the next stage in your journey will be to work out how to Plain Hunt and once comfortable with this ropesight, ring a QP on the treble. When completed the elation is such a wonderful feeling. All those interested should approach their tower captains, teachers or any committee member and ask if they can be considered for a QP. Please just ask. It is easier if you feel you are ready.

Alan Wordie, Chairman Rutland Branch

RUTLAND BELLRINGERS

SUBS / DONATIONS FOR 2023

As we reach half way through the year, I would request that members pay their subscriptions and/or donations as soon as possible by bank transfer, if they haven't done so already.

A reminder : the Guild rule number 2 states that members over the age of 75 need not pay the subscription of £7, but any money they do pay will be classed as a donation, this is encouraged to keep the branch coffers healthy.

Any excess over £7 paid by a member under 75 will also be classed as a donation.

Juniors under 18 or full time students £3.50.

Trainees need not pay anything until they become full members, voted by the committee.

The bank details are below. A brief email to me would be helpful, to say that it has been done (saying whether it is a sub or a donation), with a note on whether I can apply for **Gift Aid** on your payment until further notice. I can also check email details against my members register.

I trust this is all self-explanatory, but feel free to contact me.

Many thanks

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MARY HOLMES 1937-2023

I was very sad to hear about the passing of Mary Holmes on Wednesday, 28th June.

It was actually Sally, her daughter, who was the original ringer in the family. Sally then asked her mum to raise some money for the Uppingham bells and Mary's famous Uppingham Bell Fund stall was born. Over the years Mary raised well over £20,000 for Uppingham bells, which was an amazing achievement.

She decided that she'd actually like to learn to ring herself, so she is one of only two people that I actually taught to ring! She was a regular Sunday Service ringer over many years and, even when she couldn't ring any more for health reasons, she would still come up to the belfry every Sunday.

She made many friends in the ringing fraternity and will be greatly missed in the Rutland Branch and beyond.

Janice Atkinson

Details of funeral arrangements will be circulated when the information is available. - *Editor*

QUARTER PEALS & PEALS

Trent Valley Association

Braunston, Rutland

All Saints

Friday, 23 June 2023 in 2h 53 (10–0–25 in G)

5040 Surprise Minor (41m)

(1-3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Wells (4-7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, York, Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Norwich, Warkworth, Netherseale, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster, Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup
J S Warboys (SU0308, SU0403)

1. Ruth Curtis
2. David C. Brown
3. Alan Regin
4. Paul F. Curtis
5. Peter G.C. Ellis (C)
6. Robert J. Crocker

Believed to be the first peal by a band of ringers where each ringer has rung over 5000 peals.

A 5000-pealers day out, 1/2

Trent Valley Association

Belton, Rutland

St Peter

Friday, 23 June 2023 in 2h 46 (10–0–24 in G)

5040 Surprise Minor (22m)

Lincoln, Coldstream; (2,3) Wooler, Morpeth; (4) Carlisle, Northumberland; (5) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Durham, York; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull.

1. Robert J Crocker
2. Ruth Curtis
3. David C. Brown
4. Paul F. Curtis
5. Peter G.C. Ellis (C)
6. Alan Regin

A 5000-pealers day out, 2/2.

GUILD NEWS

Contest reports

The last few weeks have seen striking contests locally and nationally. The Ridgman Trophy is organised for guilds & association that border the Ely diocese (roughly) and is held in rotation. The Peterborough Guild last hosted in 2016, so it was probably approaching our turn again. This year it was decided to host at Towcester, on the back 10, 7 teams entered, and Essex emerged victorious. Fuller report available on the Guild website, the Ridgman Trophy site has not yet been updated with band or winners' photos. . <https://pdg.org.uk/latest-news/ridgman-trophy-day>

Wellingborough branch held their branch striking contest, which was held at Wilby and won by Rushden. Striking contests happen at all scales of activity.

And the weekend just gone saw the National 12 bell striking contest held in Sheffield. It was also live streamed for those unable to make it, or who want to listen to the test pieces again. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIPutA5XCuQ> Birmingham rang first and were awarded the Taylor trophy. They start at ~1:08 into the live stream. Its interesting to watch the bells through the touch as well as listen to it.

Other news

The Churches Conservation Trust has launched its annual awards for churches. It's an opportunity to celebrate churches and their importance to community. Nominations need to be in by the 23rd July and more details can be found on their website. <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards/awards2023>

In 2014, Ropley church, in Hampshire, was badly damaged by fire. The Alton & Petersfield District in the Winchester & Portsmouth Guild are organising a Fundraising Open Day on the 30th September to help raise funds to restore the bells.

If a tower grabbing day is your thing, they would be very grateful for your help!

<https://www.wpbells.org/open-day-for-ropley/>

Guild AGM

For those that are interested, I have deciphered my scribbles and the minutes of the Guild AGM are available on the website. Any comments or corrections to me please.

<https://pdg.org.uk/latest-news/agsm-2023-minutes>

Also announced at the AGM was the calendar of events for the Guild's 100th anniversary. These are listed on the Guild website. <https://pdg.org.uk/pdg-100> We'll be asking for expressions of interest and advance bookings for some events, so get these in your diaries soonest.

Dates for the Diary

Guild 10 bell practice Saturday 8th July. 10:30 Rothwell.

Guild Intermediate Practice Saturday 8th July 7:30 Weedon Bec

Peterborough Social Surprise Minor Practice Wednesday 28th June 7:30 Bulwick

Guildborough Branch Practice Saturday 1st July 3:00 Great Oxendon, 6:00 East Farndon

Rutland Branch 6 bell practice Wednesday 5th July 7:30 Braunston Focus Surprise

Peterborough Branch 8 bell Practice Friday 7th July 7:30 Castor

Wellingborough Surprise Practice Saturday 15th July 10:30 Irthlingborough

Wellingborough Branch Practice Saturday 15th July 2:30 Wollaston

Culworth Branch Half yearly meeting Saturday 15th July 3:00 Charwelton

Daventry Branch Meeting Saturday 15th July 3:00 Newnham

Kettering Branch Practice Saturday 15th July 3:30 Burton Latimer

Rutland Branch 8 bell practice Tuesday 18th July 7:30 Oakham

Towcester Branch Striking contest with North Bucks Saturday 22nd July Time & location tbc

Northampton Branch Practice Saturday 22nd July 7:00 Collingtree

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